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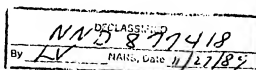
AT PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY IN EAST BERLIN HELD BY DEFFONMIN
WINZER, GDR RELEASED 13-PAGE MEMORANDUM AS SUPPLEMENT TO ITS
REPLY SOV NOTE.

MEMORANDUM REPEATS AND EXPANDS FAMILIAR SOV AND GDR ARGUMENTATION, PARTICULARLY DEALING WITH POINTS MADE GDR NOTE REFTEL. ALSO WEST BERLIN AS CENTER COLD WAR ACTIVITIES AGAINST GDR AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, MEMORANDUM SAYS ACTIVITIES HOSTILE WESTERN ORGANIZATIONS ARE FACILITATED BY OPEN BORDER AND UNHINDERED MOVEMENT BETWEEN WEST AND EAST BERLIN. ALSO STATES WEST BERLIN'S BELONGING TO GDR NOT AFFECTED BY OUTCOME RECENT WEST BERLIN ELECTION, SINCE "IF AN OPPOSITION RECEIVES MAJORITY IN MUNICIPAL ELECTION, THIS DOES NOT MEAN EXCLUSION THIS MUNICIPALITY FROM TERRITORY OF STATE TO WHICH IT BELONGS. LENGTHY DISCUSSION LEGAL SITUATION COMES TO CONCLUSION THAT WESTERN POWERS SHOULD EITHER RETURN TO PRINCIPLES OF POTSDAM AND FULFILL THEM OR ELSE RENOUNCE EXERCISES OF RIGHTS LONG FORFEITED BY THEM. FOR WEST BERLIN THIS WOULD MEAN LIQUIDATION OCCUPATION REGIME AND WITHDRAWAL WESTERN TROOPS. INTERESTING TO NOTE MEMO CLAIMS GDR CONDUCT HITHERTO IN CONTROL ALL TRAFFIC BETWEEN WEST

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BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND WEST GERMANY ASIDE FROM WESTERN GARRISONS TRAFFIC SHOWS NO GDR HINDRANCE SUCH TRAFFIC.

NEUES DEUTSCHLAND PUBLISHED ONLY FEW REPLIES WINZER TO PRESS QUERIES. TO OBVIOUSLY PLANTED QUESTION LONDON DAILY WORKER CORRESPONDENT ON EFFECTS BRITISH GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF NATO DECISION RE BERLIN, WINZER PAINTED IN GRIM TERMS POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT ENGLISH PEOPLE IN MAJOR WAR OF DEVASTATION. RE MIKOYAN VISIT, WINZER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IT WOULD HELP GENERAL RELAXATION AND OPEN WAY FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON EUROPEAN SECURITY, ON A PEACE TREATY WITH GERMANY, AND PERHAPS ON BERLIN.

ACCORDING AMERICAN PRESS CORRESPONDENT PRESENT, MOST INTERESTING WINZER COMMENTS AS YET UNPUBLISHED EAST PRESS WERE FOLLOWING:

1. WINZER EVADED REPEATED QUERIES RE WHEN SOVIET-GDR NEGOTIATIONS FOR TURNOVER RESPONSIBILITIES WOULD BEGIN, FINALLY SAYING "PUBLIC WILL LEARN ABOUT IT SOON ENOUGH."

2. GDR WOULD BE READY NEGOTIATE WITH WESTERN POWERS RE ACCESS BERLIN BUT ONLY IF GDR SOVEREIGNTY RECOGNIZED.

3. RE CIVIL AIRLINE FLIGHTS TO WEST BERLIN, HE STATED WESTERN POWERS HAVE NO RIGHT EVEN NOW TO CIVIL AIRLINE FLIGHTS.

TEXT MEMORANDUM BEING POUCHED ADDRESSEE POSTS.

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